**Congressional Simulation Project**

**Essential Question: How do members of Congress balance the needs of their constituents, party, financial donors, and the nation as a whole when crafting and voting legislation?**

**Situation:** The Senate has to consider and vote on several very important bills, which could have tremendous impact on the future of the United States.

**Your role:** You and your team will be taking on the role of the staff of a member of the Senate. A Congressional staff does research and work on bills so that the member can have all the important information about bills before making a decision on how to vote.

**Your Task:** To complete ***Legislation Analysis Report*** for your Senator. This report will offer information and a recommendation to the Senator on ten bills being considered during the current session.

**Procedure: Do the following for each bill in your *Legislation Analysis Report*:**

1. Examine the constituents profile data on your member sheet, and make a determination whether the bill would be good for your state. Provide evidence that shows your determination is correct. Fill in your bill analysis form with your conclusions.
2. Research the political party of which your Senator is a member, and make a determination whether the bill would be supported by your party. Provide evidence that shows your determination is correct. Fill in your bill analysis form with your conclusions.
3. Research the special interest group supporters of your Senator, and make a determination whether the bill would be good for them. Provide evidence that shows your determination is correct. Fill in your bill analysis form with your conclusions.
4. As a team, determine whether you think this bill would be good for the nation as a whole. Provide evidence that shows your determination is correct. Fill in your bill analysis form with your conclusions.
5. Make a recommendation to your Senator, whether he/she should vote, yes or no
6. Explain the reason why you made your final decision. It should be based on evidence you gathered in steps A-D.

**Links: Use the following links to aid you in your research**

[**http://www.democrats.org/**](http://www.democrats.org/) **(Democratic Party)** [**http://www.gop.com/index.php**](http://www.gop.com/index.php) **(Republican Party)**

[**http://www.aft.org/**](http://www.aft.org/) **(American Federation of Teachers)** [**http://www.nppc.org/**](http://www.nppc.org/) **(National Pork Producers)**

[**http://www.ncga.com/**](http://www.ncga.com/) **(National Corn growers)** [**http://www.beefusa.org/**](http://www.beefusa.org/) **(National Cattlemen Beef Assoc.)**

[**http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org**](http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org/Pages/Home.aspx) **(National dairy Council)** [**http://nbwa.org/**](http://nbwa.org/) **(National beer wholesalers)**

[**www.aarp.org**](http://www.aarp.org) **(AARP)** [**http://www.aboutseafood.com/about/about-nfi**](http://www.aboutseafood.com/about/about-nfi) **(National Fisheries Inst.)**

[**http://offshorelobster.org/main/**](http://offshorelobster.org/main/) **(Atl. Offshore Lobstermen)** [**http://www.lungusa.org/**](http://www.lungusa.org/) **(American Lung Association)**

[**http://www.madd.org/**](http://www.madd.org/) **(Mothers against drunk driving)** [**http://www.rjrt.com/**](http://www.rjrt.com/) **(R.J. Reynolds)**

[**http://www.philipmorrisusa.com**](http://www.philipmorrisusa.com/en/cms/Home/default.aspx) **(Phillip Morris USA)** [**http://www.frc.org/**](http://www.frc.org/) **(Family Research Council)**

[**http://www.nada.org/**](http://www.nada.org/) **(National Auto Dealers Assoc.)** [**http://www.nma.org**](http://www.nma.org/about/membership_dir.asp) **(National Mining Assoc.)**

[**http://www.consolenergy.com/**](http://www.consolenergy.com/) **(CONSOL Energy)** [**http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org**](http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org) **(National Dairy Council)**

[**http://home.nra.org/#/home**](http://home.nra.org/#/home) **(National Rifle Assoc.)** [**http://www.clubforgrowth.org/**](http://www.clubforgrowth.org/) **(Club for Growth)**

[**http://www.americangaming.org/**](http://www.americangaming.org/) **(American Gaming Assoc.)** [**http://www.restaurant.org**](http://www.restaurant.org) **(National Restaurant Assoc.)**

[**http://www.api.org/**](http://www.api.org/) **(American Petroleum institute)** [**http://www.uaw.org/**](http://www.uaw.org/) **(United Auto Workers)**

[**http://www.nationalpotatocouncil.org/**](http://www.nationalpotatocouncil.org/) **(National Potato Assoc.)** [**http://www.awea.org/**](http://www.awea.org/) **(American Wind Energy Assoc.)**